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## SJC PLAYS A PART IN ANNUAL DISASTER DRILL

by Amanda Grote

On Thursday November 4th, students and faculty of Saint Joseph's College participated in an annual disaster drill to test the skills of the medical staff and personnel of Jasper County Hospital. Nearly 40 volunteers participated from the College, including members of the Columbian Players, two freshman

seminar classes, and students involved in the nursing program. Professor John Rahe, director for the drama productions at SJC, volunteered as well by assisting with make-up for the "victims".

Each year, volunteers pose as patients who have endured some sort of disaster and are in need of immediate medical attention. The drill is performed as a complete

surprise to the hospital staff, in order to see how well they would react to a genuine disaster with little or no warning. This year's mock disaster was a tornado.

The students arrived at the hospital between 4:00 and 4:30 PM Thursday afternoon to begin preparation for the drill. Students

were told to report to a conference room in the basement of the hospital to prevent from being noticed.

"Overall, the hospital performed well."

-Sarah Strinko

(Secrecy was of the utmost importance, to make sure the drill would be effective.) Upon arrival, the volunteers were assigned certain roles. Some of the students were designated as patients, while others played the "victims" family members and members of the press. The "patients" were assigned certain injuries; the degree of the injury was determined by color. Those labeled yellow were given injuries that were not life threatening. Green was given to victims who could walk, and red was for the most severe and fatal injuries. Some of



photo by Charles Martin

SARA REASONER applies make up to a "victim" before Jasper County Hospital's annual Disaster Drill on November 4.

the volunteers were even chosen to be dead upon arrival and were later taken to the morgue.

Each participant was given a character description of who and what they were, enabling the volunteer to act accordingly. Once roles had been assigned and make-up wounds had been applied, the volunteers

moved in for Phase Two of the drill. All of the participants were gathered in the parking lot of the hospital, loaded into ambulances, and taken into the hospital for treatment. Doctors, nurses, and the rest of the hospital staff were forced to behave as they normally would in a situation of

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### EDITOR'S NOTES

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Comedian Scott Henry

Friday, Nov. 19-Sunday, Nov.  
28: Thanksgiving Break!

Thursday, Dec. 2: Unity  
Celebration of Christmas Faith

Friday, Dec. 3: Nintendo 64  
Competition 3-7 PM; MTV  
Dance Party 10 PM-1 AM

Saturday, Dec. 4: Madrigal  
Dinner at 7 PM in the Ballroom

Wednesday, Dec 8: Feast of  
the Immaculate Conception

## ALCOHOL REVISION POLICY IN THE WORKS

by Lisa Phillips

Soon there may be more changes to the alcohol policy. The Student Affairs office got the ball rolling recently by suggesting a series of changes; some big and some small. William Manis, Vice President of Student Affairs, explains, "These are our recommendations for change. I think [these revisions] add additional educational components at appropriate levels of the policy."

The biggest proposed change is the possibility of allowing students who are 21 or over to have alcohol in the village suites, which are scheduled to be finished by August 2000.

Other possible changes suggested by student affairs include a heftier fine for kegs,

counseling and parent/guardian notification at Level 2, less community service for Level 3 as well as a SJC Lab Alcohol Course (within two semesters) and counseling, and a possibility for Level 4 students to re-enroll after completing an approved rehabilitation course or treatment plan.

The policy revisions have been approved by Student Affairs and Campus Life and will go before the Student Life Committee, where student representatives will have a chance to amend or change some of the proposals. After it is approved, the policy will then go to the faculty assembly and finally to the trustees.



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## Opinion Shorts

I don't see why we have visitation limits around this campus. You can do everything before 11 pm that you can do after 11 pm. I mean, I am all for the escorts and everything, but people are going to find ways to get to the other dorms. I just feel that we are adults and we can decide when it is time to go home by ourselves.

Sheila Purvis

There isn't enough stuff to do around this campus. During little sibs weekend there are activities, but on normal weekends there's nothing. Granted, a lot of people drink, but not all the time. Then the times when people do not "party," all there is to do is sit in your room. I just wish that on more weekends we would have activities.

Michael Lovely

I think a designated parking area for Day Students would be a good idea. They should not have to drive around searching for a place to park after they get here. They need to be able to park and get to class. The parking area should be designated "Day Student Parking Only."

Peggy Smith  
Secretary, Education Dept.

If you have an opinion you would like to express in *The Observer* please send it via e-mail to Maura Giles, Opinion Editor (mge2614@saintjoe.edu). Your opinions may be submitted at any time throughout the school year, and are always encouraged.

## Letter From the Editor

I guess I was right last issue—the senate just doesn't care what *The Observer* is doing. I got no response concerning my editorial in last issue. I e-mailed everyone again and finally got a response from senior representative Sarah Grubb: "Our main concern on the student senate is to take care of our agenda which is brought to the table by any governor, representative, faculty member, etc. We are not blessed with the option to have a human relations department or publication representative. The structure of our senate is to conduct business. We always welcome anyone who would like to sit in our meetings, and people often do come in and join us. Think about the senate in the United States. They carry on their business . . . and how does the public know what is going on? The press reports it. If you would like more info on what we are doing then I will personally invite you to our next meeting."

First of all, I'd like to say KUDOS SARAH. Thanks for having the guts to respond. Next, I'd like to point out that the United States Senate is very concerned with public opinion. They talk to reporters and they also have press conferences. During elections the United States Senate spends millions of dollars to let the public know who they are and what they stand for.

And I think that the senate *should* have a public relations person, especially if no one has time to talk to the press. Does anyone agree? It's sad to say, but *The Observer* gets more cooperation from the faculty than from the students in charge. I e-mailed Skip yesterday and got a response today, and

I'm guessing that nobody in the SJC senate is busier than the president of the college.

Maybe what I'm doing here isn't the way to get what I want. What I want is a good working relationship with the senate and I want information. Simple information. When are senate elections? That's been my main question and what started all of this. I'm extremely appalled, for one thing, that elections are the sole domain of one person; to quote Sarah, "That is all in the hands of Jill Hrobsky . . . so it is difficult to determine [when elections will be held];" and for another, that although I hear that elections have to be completed by mid December (senate constitution, I believe), no one is campaigning and I haven't seen so much as a poster or an e-mail suggesting that people run for the senate.

Is anyone else upset by this? How can these people be appropriate representatives for the student body when we don't even know when elections are or who is running for what office?

I think some changes need to be made in the way the senate addresses these issues. Perhaps a public relations person would be the answer, or at least some official means of gaining information. Heck, the senate doesn't even have a page on the SJC website! Does anybody agree? Write me with your opinion at lpd2383@saintjoe.edu.

Lisa Phillips  
Editor-in-Chief

## Top Five Things That Sound Dirty At Thanksgiving But Aren't

5. Did you see the turkey dressing?
4. Reach in there and grab the giblets.
3. This is one juicy breast!
2. If I don't unbutton my pants, I'm going to explode.
1. Don't touch the wish bone until it gets hard.



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## IT'S DINNER AND A MOVIE... SAINT JOE STYLE

by Bree Ma' Ayteh

On December 4, Sara Reasoner is going to present something a little bit different to the students, faculty and staff of Saint Joe: A Madrigal Dinner.

Reasoner is doing this in order to fulfill her Senior Seminar Project requirement. Certain majors require this type of project, where the student has the choice of either writing a research paper or doing something active in their major. In Reasoner's case, she's always known that this is what she would do for her project.

"I was visiting [SJC] on a Discover Day and eating lunch in the cafeteria, and I remember thinking how this type of place would be perfect" commented Reasoner in response as to why she decided to do this project. "I knew then that I would eventually do a Madrigal Dinner here."

What exactly is a Madrigal Dinner? Set

in the 1500s, it's a dinner that reflects its time period. There is a host (usually a king or the lord of the manor), and there is food, singing, dancing, and other forms of entertainment. Most of the time, and in Reasoner's case, there is an on-going story running through

the

Dinner.

Not

only is

this

kind of

show

new to Saint Joe, it also requires more work. Along with the singing, dancing, etc., there will also be a full-course meal served to the audience. As to the kind of food that's being served, Reasoner wouldn't say,

This Communication/Theatre Arts major has done productions of this sort when she was in junior high and high school, but says she didn't realize how much work went into

doing it. "There are so many different things going on at the same time," she said. "Dealing with food, the singers, actors..." One of the hardest things has been planning the event's location. The Dinner needs to be held in the Ballroom because of space and the fact so many things will be taking

place. However, most of the rehearsals have had to be held in the auditorium. This has given Reasoner a few headaches.

"The stage in the ballroom has two different levels, and staircases on each side, and the auditorium isn't set up the same way. It's hard to act out," she confessed.

There are a lot of good things happening here, too. Reasoner is happy with the cast that she's chosen for the show. "I loved the first rehearsal that we had, especially with the singers," she said excitedly. "I personally chose them, and they really seemed to make their characters stand out. I was really proud of the decisions I made to cast them."

Reasoner isn't alone on this project; senior Katie Haendiges is helping her with the construction of the set, while freshman Brienne Hopkins is the Food Coordinator. Wendy Sidner, also a first-year student, has helped supply costumes from her church.

"I've gotten so much support from everybody that's involved" Reasoner concluded. "I can't thank them enough." She added, grinning, "I wish I could do something for them, but right now I'm just too busy!"

The Madrigal Dinner takes place December 4 at 7 PM in the Ballroom. In order to reserve your spot you must order your ticket by November 30. Price for students is five dollars in addition to giving up their cafeteria number for that night. For adults, it's fifteen dollars.

## DIAL "T" FOR TRIAL-MOCK TRIAL

by Sharra Robertson

The Mock Trial team, led by David DeLauro and faculty advisor Robert B. Montefort, is gearing up for another season. This year, they are arguing murder.

In *The State vs. Llas*, the prosecution is asserting that Llas murdered his friend with a shovel, defense is trying to clear his name-as to the type of defense that will be used, the team has yet to decide. The team will scrimmage in November with the Purdue team at the County. A scrimmage is a competition. The teams argue both sides of the which team does what first. The way to advance in the most points, which are given by three judges: one ruling judge and two scoring judges. Points are determined by how well the witnesses know the material, the number of objections and other such things. Last year the team traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, to compete. According to David DeLauro, "It's a lot of fun and great to have on your resume."

Mock Trial has been going on for years here at Saint Joe, and it's made up of a group of students willing to try their skill in the courtroom. Teams from around the country are given the same case and are expected to put together both prosecution and defense for it.

ACTIVITIES

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE MANY

by Nick Schafer

There are many activities around SJC campus that students can participate in-one of them is the Volunteer Corps.

The Corp. has been pretty busy this semester, November 6 marked their first Foster Family Fun Day of the year. This is a day when foster families can leave their children at Saint Joe from 9-4. The children play with each other, watch movies-whatever they happen to feel like doing at the moment. These days usually happen about one Saturday a month.

Also, the Corp. sponsors the annual Rake and Run, where students get together and rake leaves in the Rensselaer Community. This event was scheduled from November 9-11, from 3 to 5 PM.

Some of the other programs that the Corp. is involved are: Advocacy & Counseling, Disability Services, Education & Learning, Emergency Assistance, Seniors & Eldercare, and the SJC Youth Club meets every Thursday evenings from

6-8 pm in the Basement of the Chapel, and the

group works with 30 children ages from 7-13.



Faculty

Advisor Father Jim Challancin commented on club membership by saying, "Members are mostly students, but some staff and faculty also participate. Anyone of the SJC community is welcome."

This group of students is lead by Father Jim, Cheri Irons, and a student elected officers. The officers are: Stephanie Smalling as Student Coordinator, Betsy Fryksdale as Secretary, and Tara Smalling in charge of transportation. Anyone who wishes to join the Volunteer Corps should contact Fr. Jim or one of the officers.

## "Disaster Drill" (continued from page 1)

this manner. Nurses inspected the injuries of the patients and labeled them accordingly, sending them on to the proper locations within hospital, where they awaited care. Doctors then assessed the wounds and applied, or ordered the necessary treatment. The volunteers, who had been assigned the roles of family and members of the press, were instructed to wander throughout the hospital,

inquiring about their loved ones or searching for information regarding the disaster. The hospital personnel did their best to contain these volunteers and keep them out of the way, so the medical staff could complete the tasks at hand.

One of the participants, SJC freshman Sarah Strinko, was given the role of a twelve-year-old girl with a spinal injury. This event

was the eighth one of its nature that Sarah has participated in over the years. "Overall the hospital performed well", she said. "None of these drills ever turn out as well as the staff would like, but it is more of a learning experience than anything else."

Some of the volunteers in this area felt the drill could have been improved upon. "I don't think the drill was very well organized, because we were

not given enough information to identify our family members to the hospital staff," said freshman Amy Meyers. "If we had been better prepared, we would've been able to give the hospital personnel adequate information to do their jobs correctly."





# Spotlight on ... Professor Bill Mottolese

— by Amy Buckbee —

As the new master plan is being constructed, not only are new buildings showing up on campus, but several new faces, as well. One of these new faces around Saint Joseph's College is Professor William Mottolese of the English Department.

Professor Mottolese started his long journey in education at Fordham University in New York City. This journey led him to seek a doctorate degree, which he just recently received. There is a long and extensive list of requirements that have to be met in order to receive a doctorate. First of all, a Master's degree is required. Then you have to take a three to six hour comprehensive exam. Next comes your PhD work, which takes about two years. Then you have to take another exam, this one being a PhD comprehensive test, which takes twelve hours. Next comes the burdensome task of writing your dissertation. On average, dissertations run about three hundred twenty five

pages; Mottolese's came to about five hundred pages.

The next step in the process is to make a proposal in the hopes that it will be accepted. In October, Mottolese had his oral defense in New York. He had to fly back to have a committee of professors look at his dissertation and ask questions, while he backed up his dissertation with answers. Having gone through the entire process, Mottolese now has his hard-earned doctorate. This whole process takes about eight and a half years.

Professor Mottolese started teaching in 1989 at the high school level and did this for two years. Mottolese said that he had a professor for three years in college that was extremely hard but who he thoroughly enjoyed. At one time, this professor told Mottolese that he thought he could be one of the very few out of his class that could make it as a college professor. Mottolese said he had never really planned to be a college professor but that this particular

professor's suggestion led him to change his mind.

After graduating from college, he also missed the poetry and the reading that had been such a large part of his undergraduate work. He saw becoming a college professor as a means to get to enjoy that work which he had so enjoyed during his undergrad years. In 1993, Professor Mottolese started teaching college. He said that high school is a whole different ballgame than college and an entirely different level of teaching.

Professor Mottolese said that he has enjoyed his time at Saint Joseph's College so far. He said the students are great and that he has enjoyed getting to know them on a more personal basis. He also said that Saint Joseph's College students are extremely fast learners, flexible, and are growing very well. When Mottolese

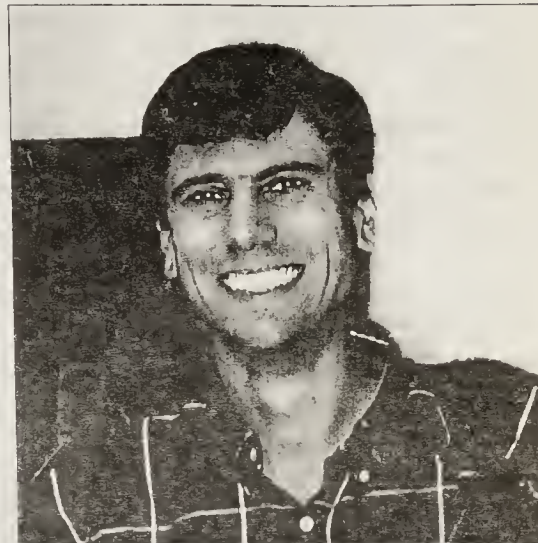


photo by Lisa Phillips

**PROFESSOR BILL MOTTOLESE** joined the faculty of SJC this year as a professor in the English department. He recently received his PhD in English.

is not teaching he loves to play basketball, spend time with his wife, write poetry, fish and listen to music. If you have not met Professor Mottolese yet, stop by and introduce yourself to one of the newest faces on campus.

## 1999-2000 SUB Leadership Roster

*The Student Union Board (SUB) recently elected new board members for the upcoming term. These new officers will serve from January - December 2000.*

Director .....	Lizz Musick
Co-Director .....	Theresa Kreinbrink
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Travel Chair .....	David Banks

## SUB Update

As SUB prepares to enter a new term with new leadership, the group is currently focusing their attention on the upcoming NACA conference in Springfield, Illinois.

NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) is an annual conference which the SUB board members attend each November. At the conference, the SUB board has the opportunity to preview the acts they are considering booking for the next semester. After previewing the bands, comedians, hypnotists and other acts, the board members meet and decide which ones they would like to book.

This year's conference is being held November 18-21. Select members from the current board will be attending along with the newly elected board members.

## Editor's Notes

• Beginning this month, *The Observer* will be running a new feature in each issue called "Spotlight On..." This article will feature a student, faculty or staff member who has either made a significant contribution to SJC, done something exciting or noteworthy, or who is just an interesting and unique individual. If you have anyone you would like to nominate to be featured in one of these profiles, send an e-mail with your nomination to Heather Hagan, Features Editor, at hhd2154@saintjoe.edu. Your input is encouraged and appreciated.

• The Features section is currently in need of reporters. If you would be interested in writing feature articles in *The Observer* on a regular basis, contact Heather Hagan at the above e-mail address.



## A show of talent



**TALENT SHOW PERFORMERS** senior Amber Chamberlin and sophomore Mike Potts belt it out at the recent talent show. The annual event, sponsored by SUB, gives students the chance to have fun, show off their talents and possibly win some extra spending money in the process.

photos by Charles Martin

*Telling it like it is . . .*

## Did you ever wonder . . . ?

by Heather Hagan

Now that I have spent nearly two and a half years at this fine institution we call Saint Joesph's College, I have noticed that there are some rather puzzling aspects of life at SJC. Nothing too profound, mind you. Just the small details of life which one begins to notice after spending way too much time in Rensselaer. To make my point, I will present my case to you in one of my favorite literary forms -- the list:

1. To begin with, has anyone ever wondered what's up with the velvet rope around the mural in Halleck? Is the mere presence of that rope supposed to keep curious gawkers from touching the mural? Moreover, who are the people who found it necessary to fondle the mural in such a way that the rope was ever needed in the first place?

2. Why are the Columbian Players called the Columbian Players? If we actually attended Columbia University, it would all make sense to me.

3. WHO is the person who ALWAYS spills their ice cream cone outside of Halleck? Is it really so difficult to keep it in the cone? We are big boys and girls now...

4. Why is the Core Building called the Father Banet (pronounced BAN-it) Core Education Center, yet we refer to the lake as Lake Banet (pronounced ba-NAY)?

OK, I think you get the idea. Now we must move on to an even more puzzling enigma . . . the city of Rensselaer. Here are some things I've found myself pondering over the years:

1. When is Jerry (of Jerry's Gun Shop fame) ever going to change the sign in front of his store? He "buys guns" . . . we know! All I ask is that Jerry go a little nuts for once and change the sign to "We Sell Guns."

2. Exactly how long does it take to do road construction in Rensselaer? Entire cities have been constructed in the time it has taken them to repair the bridge on 231. Don't they know that it just makes it that much more difficult for us to get to Grandma's at 3:00 in the morning?

3. Whose genius idea was it to put the General Nutrition Center right next door to Arnie's -- quite possibly one of the most artery-clogging restaurants in the world? Talk about your mixed signals...

You see what I mean. So, the next time you are pondering the mysteries of life in Rensselaer at SJC, be assured that at some point in time, the same thought has probably crossed someone else's mind.

# South Park movie Invades Saint Joe

by Lisa Phillips

I'm sorry to say that *South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut* was actually pretty hilarious. Sitting in an auditorium full of Saint Joe's finest, frankly I had my doubts, but between the hilariously pointless language and the very socially conscious underlying criticisms (yes, they're there, if you look really hard), I was laughing my buns off.

Among the issues addressed are religion, language, violence, parent-children relationships, homosexuals, government, history, childhood, abortion, the v-chip and romantic relationships just to name a few, but the fart jokes and utter absurdity mask any seriousness quite well. Cartman fulfills every kid's dream by telling off Mr. Garrison (and not backing down), and Kenny gets rejected from Heaven (can't everyone relate?). It's also quite a riot that everyone watching the movie had to show their ID at the door, considering that is addressed

in the movie. The best part about the whole movie was, however, the fact that the entire time the movie was making fun of itself.

One warning, however -- do not, under any circumstances see this movie if you're easily offended (Heck, even if you're offendable at all). I'd have to say that some parts went over the top even for me, most notably involving Saddam Hussein's body parts, but it amazes me that there is such an awesome message buried beneath what seems to be completely mindless entertainment; lighten up.

Of course, there's something to be said for fart jokes and horribly un-politically correct behavior. It's funny and relaxing. After a long day of thinking and being sensible, responsible, slightly insane college students, it's nice to just sit back and laugh at something that is completely inappropriate and more than slightly offensive.



## SJC Cross Country Season Concludes

**Young teams show guts in Regional Meet**  
*by Clark Teuscher*

While the end result might not have been what was hoped for, feelings of disappointment were drowned out by excitement and optimism after the Great Lakes Regional Cross Country Meet November 6th at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams from Saint Joseph's College were hoping to qualify for the National Championships two weeks later in the same location. While the Pumas did not accomplish that, they represented themselves quite well.

The men's team finished 14th overall with 335 points, which ties the best Regional finish for a men's team at St. Joseph's. The women,

meanwhile, placed 20th, with a total of 472.

"As disappointed as I am that we weren't able to make it to nationals, I was very pleased with the effort we put forth today," said head coach Bill Massoels. "That was a heck of a way to end a season."

In the men's race, the Central Missouri State Jackrabbits were able to take the team championship with 68 points, despite having their lead runner, Vladimir Golias, disqualified because of an altercation with another runner on the course. Lewis' Colin Jones, who won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Meet two weeks ago, won the individual title with a time of 31 minutes, 14 seconds on the 10,000-meter (6.2 mile) course.

For the Pumas, Jared Weller once again led the way with a 22nd-place finish in 33:33. Teammate Matt Stout followed in 34:17 for 45th, along with Tim Newman (83rd, 35:48), Kevin Moeller (89th, 36:08), Dan Westphal (96th, 36:26), Ben Zimmer (126th, 38:38), and Derek Serna (133rd, 40:07).

On the women's side, GLVC champion Southern Indiana took the team title, edging Grand Valley State by a single point, 97 to 98. Grand Valley's Melissa Smith took the lead early and held

on for a win in a time of 21:41 on the 3.7-mile course.

Maria Toledo took a fall early in the race, but recovered and led the Lady Pumas, finishing 77th in 24:51. Shana Wyatt narrowly edged teammate Sarah Flory for 83rd place, 25:02.2 to 25:02.7. Darci Ramirez (110th, 25:50), Teresa Gaura (118th, 26:09) and Dani Ramirez (126th, 26:45) rounded out the St. Joseph's contingent.

Massoels commented after the meet, "I'm very encouraged by our showing today, because we have everyone coming back next year."

The harriers will now have some time off before joining the rest of the track team for its first meet, January 14th and 15th at Purdue University.

**Weller named Academic All-American**

Weller's 22nd-place finish earned him a place on the NCAA Division II Cross Country Coaches Association Academic All-America Team.

In order to be selected, an individual must place in the top 30 percent of his regional race and have a grade-point average of 3.25 or better.

Weller is the 39th Academic All-American that Massoels has coached at St. Joseph's.

## New Haven Charges Past Pumas Drop Home Finale 42-21

*by Clark Teuscher*

After hanging close for a half, the Saint Joseph's College football team ran out of gas and took a 42-21 Senior Day loss at the hands of the New Haven Chargers.

The Pumas trailed just 27-21 at the half, but were outscored 15-0 from then on, with the visitors rolling up offensive yards right and left.

Averaging less than 100 rushing yards per game on the season, New Haven rolled up 366 against the Pumas on 55 carries. Altogether the Chargers accumulated 558 yards of offense to the home team's 192 on the afternoon.

It did not take New Haven long to get started, as they took their opening drive 61 yards in only 58 seconds to score on a 15-yard run by Corey Jones, taking a 7-0 lead with 11:57 on the clock.

The Pumas would answer with 3:59 left, as Desmond Fletcher took two tries to plunge into the end zone from one yard out for a score. The extra point made things all square at 7-7.

Jones struck again with five seconds left in the quarter on a two-yard dive up the middle. Second-quarter action started with the score reading 14-7 in the visitors' favor.

Following a Puma fumble, New Haven marched 73 yards down the field in 12 plays, eating up almost five minutes of the clock and going

ahead 21-7 on a one-yard Maikel Mehu run.

Two and a half minutes later, St. Joseph's freshman quarterback Justin Slais ran down the right side 31 yards to score his second touchdown of the season, cutting the deficit in half to 21-14.

A David Ortiz interception on the next play gave the Pumas a scoring opportunity just sixteen yards from the end zone. Darius Barker scored on a three-yard scamper with 49 seconds left to half-time and the Pumas had tied things up at 21-21.

The St. Joseph's momentum was halted, however, when Jason Barnett found Ketric Barnes on a 12-yard screen pass for a score with 1:05 on the clock. The point after missed, and the half ended with a 27-21 count.

The Chargers pulled away in the second half, allowing the hosts to have the ball only 12 minutes in the final two quarters. A 15-yard pass to Elvert Eden and a 24-yard ramble by Mehu produced the final two scores for New Haven.

Slais led the Pumas in rushing, totaling 40 yards on eight carries. Ron Mason caught six passes for 92 yards on the day, while Ortiz had 14 tackles and two interceptions to lead the defense.

The Pumas have since dropped a 33-10 decision to Valparaiso and are now 3-7 this season. Their final game of 1999 will be at Wayne State University on November 13th at 12:00pm.

## Edwards Receives Award

*by Chrissy Scafile*

Makana Edwards was named a Division II College Football Scholar Athlete by Burger King Corporation on Saturday, October 30th. Before kickoff of the home game against New Haven, the award was presented by a Burger King representative, along with Dr. Albert Shannon. Burger King Corporation will donate \$10,000 to Saint Joseph's College's general scholarship fund because of Edwards' academic and athletic achievements and his commitment to mentoring the community's youth.

"I feel proud to be able to make a difference in the community," said Edwards. "I also think it's great that I can contribute to our college scholarship fund by doing the things that I love...helping the community and playing football."

Edwards, a senior who has maintained a G.P.A. of 3.77 as a Biology and Chemistry major, is also a starting Offensive Tackle for the Pumas. Some of the activities that he is involved in include Campus Cleanup Volunteer, member of the Pro-Life Group and the Minority Student Union.

The Burger King College Football Scholarship Program is the largest corporate commitment of its kind to college football. The 1999 program will raise the overall Burger King contribution to 5.3 million.



## Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

November 11th thru 13th  
GLVC Volleyball Tournament, Sites and Times TBA

Saturday, November 13th  
Football at Wayne State, 12:00pm

Friday, November 19th  
Women's Basketball vs. Northwood, 7:00pm

Saturday, November 20th  
Women's Basketball vs. Saginaw Valley State, 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 23rd  
Men's Basketball vs. IU-South Bend, 7:00pm

Saturday, November 27th  
Men's Basketball at IPFW, 1:00pm

## Volleyball Makes It Into Postseason

**Survives poor finish to grab final spot**

*by Clark Teuscher*

Despite losing its last two matches of the regular season, the Saint Joseph's College volleyball team will be making a trip to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Losses at Lewis and Wisconsin-Parkside threatened to knock the Pumas out of the running, but due to a tiebreaker procedure, Saint Joseph's claimed the final spot in the tournament.

The Pumas finished the season with a 19-10 overall record, which is the first winning season for Saint Joseph's since 1989.

In the first round of the GLVC tournament, the Pumas will face off against top-seeded Northern Kentucky, who is 19-1 overall and 16-0 in conference play.

The game will be at Northern Kentucky on Thursday, November 11th at 7:30pm EST.

## Men's Basketball Aiming High: Pumas look to qualify for postseason

*by Matt Stout*

After a 9-17 season in 1999, the Saint Joseph's College men's basketball team is looking to pick itself up and get back at it. Last year saw the Pumas surrounded by a new coach and little to no expectations. Beyond the expectations of anyone on campus, the men qualified for the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament, but the team was entering its first year of sanctions by the NCAA, which prevented the Pumas from playing in the postseason and denied the program full scholarship monies. This season the team has their sights set high. "The biggest thing that we've talked about thus far this year is to get better every game. The other major goal is for us is to make the [conference] tournament," said head coach Dave Balza.

The team is looking to the leadership and guidance of a few key players. "Our three top returning players are junior Brandon Yates,

sophomore Brent Mason, and senior Greg Taylor. "Yates, of course, was an honorable mention all-conference player, and Greg Taylor is our captain this year and one of the best defensive players in the league," said Balza. The three combined for over forty points a game last season and each averaged over 25 minutes a contest. The team will be looking to some of the young talent as well to help give them an edge this season. "There are only two freshman on the varsity. Hodges Smith will play some major minutes for us at point. Jermaine Crosby is our other freshman. He's a great kid," stated Balza.

The new coach was pleased with last season, even though the team went 9-17. "I haven't been through too many 9-17 seasons, but as far as 9-17 seasons go it was a pretty good one because we exceeded expectations," said coach Balza of last season. "When I took the job, the athletic director said if we win one or two games, we would be excited," The Pumas will face three nationally ranked teams from the GLVC this season. Balza is looking to snag a victory or a close loss in a few of those games to give the Pumas the confidence they will need when tournament time comes.

The men's basketball team will start their season this month on the 23rd against the Titans of Indiana University-South Bend, who are already 1-0 this season. The game will tip off at 7:00pm.

## Women's Soccer on the Bubble

*by Clark Teuscher*

A 1-0 loss to the University of Indianapolis in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament jeopardized the Saint Joseph's College women's soccer team's chances for making the NCAA National Tournament.

A 2-1 win over highly ranked North Dakota State got the Lady Pumas ranked 15th in the nation and second in their region.

Now, Saint Joseph's must wait and see how the final rankings come out to learn their fate. The rankings are the basis for the tournament selections.

The Lady Pumas are 15-5-1 on the season under rookie head coach Camie Bechtold. The loss to the Lady Greyhounds brought their seven-game winning streak to a grinding halt.



*Sophomore Kati Conlon serves one up for the Lady Pumas. Photo by Charles Martin*

## Next Issue...

- Men's and Women's Track and Field Previews
- GLVC Volleyball Results



## Daddy Dear

Daddy dear, I love you so.  
I wrote this poem to let you know  
The love that I do feel for you  
Is, and always, will be true.  
When I am feeling very sad,  
You tell jokes so very bad.  
It makes me laugh and I feel good,  
As only you and your jokes could.

Daddy dear, I want to say  
I hope you have a happy day.  
I hope this poem will make you  
smile  
Hopefully, for quite a while.  
I just thought you'd like to know.  
That daddy dear, I love you so.  
For everything you've helped me  
through,  
I knew I could depend on you.

Daddy dear, you are so kind,  
For everything you've helped me  
find.  
My sense of right and sense of  
wrong,  
My gifts of music and of song,  
My sense of humor, dumb and dry,  
(I'll give you credit: at least you  
try)  
My ability to forgive and forget,  
And most of all, how not to quit.

Daddy dear, I cannot say  
Everything I want today.  
I cannot quite express how new  
The way you know I feel for you.  
This poem is just a little rhyme  
To tell you so much in so little time.  
That daddy dear, I love you so.  
And now I hope you really know.

Anastasia Ostman

## SJC Word Find

Can you find all of the words hidden in the puzzle? They may be backwards, diagonal, or upside down. Anything and everything is fair game!

Z	A	C	A	D	E	M	I	C	S	J	Q	E
R	P	M	Z	T	E	L	P	R	U	P	Z	R
T	T	E	N	N	E	B	O	M	P	N	O	U
H	L	E	P	A	H	C	E	T	C	Q	U	T
C	P	N	A	N	S	P	O	R	T	S	H	C
Q	J	C	M	T	Z	H	E	A	R	O	A	E
R	E	S	K	E	T	V	I	S	E	R	R	L
G	A	S	P	A	R	E	A	K	F	I	T	G
A	M	C	G	E	H	L	B	G	I	A	S	A
L	T	Q	S	T	A	M	I	U	E	K	R	M
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A	O	L	J	U	S	T	I	N	I	J	M	P
G	N	H	L	T	E	N	A	B	E	K	A	L
H	P	N	U	O	Q	H	R	I	Q	R	N	G
E	J	L	E	P	N	U	T	G	U	I	O	K
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## Word List

Academics  
Aquinas  
Arts  
Bennett  
Chapel  
CORE  
Gallagher

Gaspar  
Grotto  
Halas  
Justin  
Kairos  
Lake Banet  
Merlini

Noll  
Observer  
Puma  
Purple  
Seifert  
SJC  
Sports  
SUB



## Observer BrainBuster

credit: the Internet



There are three words in the English language that end in "gry". ONE is angry and the other is hungry. EveryONE knows what the third ONE means and what it stands for. EveryONE uses them everyday, and if you read very carefully, I've given you the third word.

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_gry?